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Whitman County: Town of Albion issues boil-water advisory

OLYMPIA — The town of Albion in Eastern Washington is advising residents to boil their drinking water because water pressure was lost during a weekend power outage.

The advisory was issued as a precaution because reduced water pressure may allow contaminants to enter the water system. The advisory, which was issued Sunday night, affects the 618 residents of Albion.

On Friday, a storm knocked out power to the telemetry system at the community's reservoir. Telemetry systems are used to monitor and control water systems. Community leaders asked residents to conserve water while power crews and town employees worked to restore the telemetry system. By Sunday morning, the system had lost pressure, so the town issued the boil-water advisory. Water pressure was restored Sunday night.

The advisory is likely to last at least several days. Until the problem is corrected, Albion residents should heat their tap water to a rolling boil for one minute before using it to drink, make ice, brush teeth, prepare food, or wash dishes. Buying bottled water is another option.

More information is available by calling Albion Public Works, 509-332-5095.

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